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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Northern States Power Company, Wisconsin,  
(NSPW) for a Certificate of Authority to Construct and Install a  
Natural Gas Line to Provide Improvements to NSPW's  
Existing Facilities in the Town of Shelby, La Crosse County,  
Wisconsin

4220-CG-133

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING  
AND  
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to consider the September 6, 2001, application of Northern States Power Company, Wisconsin (NSPW), as a gas public utility, for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 133 to construct and install a natural gas line to provide improvements to their existing facilities in the town of Shelby, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

NSPW is a public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5)(a), with its principal office at 1414 Hamilton Ave., Eau Claire, Wisconsin. NSPW is engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas to approximately 82,000 customers in 69 communities located in eleven counties in Wisconsin and two counties in Upper Michigan.

NSPW states in its application that this is a system improvement project that would reinforce its distribution system in the La Crosse area. The project would allow loads to be shifted to a different town border station that operates at substantially higher pressures than the current town border station. The existing station would either be removed entirely or retained and used for emergency back-up, providing greater system reliability. The proposed project consists of approximately 35,000 feet of 4-inch plastic pipe to be installed in road rights-of-way at an estimated cost of \$287,227.

NSPW initially sought Commission authority to construct this system improvement proposed as part of its application of May 24, 2001, in docket 4220-CG-132 to serve customers in the towns of Greenfield and Barre, La Crosse County. To provide system reinforcement this heating season NSPW has separated the May 24 application into two parts. The system reinforcement proposal is in this application and the request to provide service to customers in Greenfield and Barre is in a revised application in docket 4220-CG-132, filed September 6, 2001.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). No unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator John R. Vogt at (608) 267-3374.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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